

DESIGN

Cedar River Library

- Keep the current square footage, which is 22,500 sq. ft.
- Leave the current entrance where it is!!!
- Leave shell of building as is!!
- Indirect lighting and extra UV protection is better for books than glass box. Don't shrink it, because books aren't extinct.
- Keep lots of light, views from inside library of river below, keep the warmth of wood. Add native design.
- Keep parking on both sides
- Bigger outside area on bridge. Maybe with seating/picnic area in part of it.
- I love walking over the only safe bridge to watch the river with kids.
- Keep the tree on the playground side (the one with bigger twisted bottom trunk and pink flowers)
- Large meeting room!
- Don't move entrance
- Don't need industrial floor load of 150 (as referred to in the Schematic design project report)
- Is M Hull really the best choice for a remodel? Can we interview again? Why not? This is a new location.
- It is very important that the entrance be kept at the walking bridge. It would not be acceptable to move the entrance to the parking lot. We also must retain the large meeting rooms, it is one of the reasons many voters chose to keep the library over the river. We want large spaces. Finally the construction should be done so that the noise level inside is not "Christmas at the Mall"! We want a low noise library.
- Friends of the library needs visible book shelves for ongoing book sales at both Highlands and Cedar River. Also needed is storage area for donated books. Please remember us in the design process.
- □ Roof line (or false front) – not ^

- Also add another bike rack or 2 because it gets crowded. Make sure the children's area is fun, warm, open and large enough for story hour and other programs.
- Definitely need large area for Public Information—booklets, brochures, bus schedules, community news.
- Why not spend the art budget on a very cool railing that will compliment the entry on the bridge? For instance one with salmon cutouts.
- Keep entrance in current location!
- Keep the current size @ 22,500
- Keep orientation of reading spaces to river and Liberty Park.
- Historical display including 1990 flood
- Cedar River Wi-Fi can be picked up in surrounding park. An unintended asset. Keep.
- Do not move library entrance over the river.
- Keep all the usable space; don't get rid of meeting space. The library is a community gathering space and needs all 22,000 sq ft. usable.
- Benefit of Cedar River Library is more usable program space---shrinking by diddling with design is not acceptable
- I realize KCLS likes MillerHull but we're doing a renovation of an iconic structure unique in the U.S. and I think KCLS needs to take new submissions for architects who are expert in renovations.
- City: Negotiate from strength with KCLS
- Do not give up library space
- Do not reduce footprint for budget
- (Reduce special finishes first) Keep primary entry from south over river (Not saying exact vestibule—but make something of what the Renton public cares about.)
- We, the 76%, want a say in the design of our updated library-----we do not want the doorway changed.
- —wheelchair users do not want it moved either—talk to them yourselves please!

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Highlands Design

- Reduce Glass to 50% too much glare. This limits use of personal computer—can't see screen with too much light. Glass make building too noisy because it does not absorb sound-----KCLS makes glary noisy buildings and ugly shed look.
- Make women's bathrooms bigger.
- Make sure recycling bins are visible and convenient
- Remodel current Highlands Library and buy more land. This area has superior traffic flow. This area is closer to McKnight—current library is used highly by McKnight students.
- Imagine traffic in the future when ALL of the Highlands areas are re-developed.
- You can't move State Hwy 900 so be smart now with library location.
- Two thirds of Renton or citizens live in Highlands and beyond and will use the Highlands Library if the traffic flow is comfortable.
- Keep the Highlands Library where it is currently. Make it bigger and buy more land. Don't fool with traffic on Sunset Blvd.
- Protect Sunset and 10th and the library corner from high speed vehicle accidents.
- Design needs to respond to Phase I design of Development---not Phase II.
- Come back to us with accurate information—not drawings that are out of date and information that is out of date.
- We'd like an actual presentation for the Highlands
- Highlands Library location on 900 is a bottleneck of the highest nature for traffic. Get more land for this library so traffic can flow around the total building. Imagine when KCLS trucks come to unload and then fire and aid arrive. This location does NOT work for citizens of Highlands period!

COMMUNICATION

- Where will our input go and how will it be used
- How do we build 'trust' with our KCLS partner? (Have one meeting with KCLS/City/Citizens)
- We want to be assured the partnership is three-way not two-way—in other words Residents-KCLS-City.
- There are two points in the ILA (Inter Local Agreement) that would allow citizen experts to participate—see 4b/5b.
- Jay please don't read your cell phone when citizens are talking
- This type of input is not what we want, we want City-KCLS-Res to have an open exchange of questions/answers
- Poor pen by City-- Poor process. Citizens can't get ideas to City in the convoluted manner. No more station meetings.
- Get information distributed at the table to all and citizens read the information and ask questions. No station.
- Better outreach to library patrons representing minority/lower income populations.
- Citizens want question and answer format.
- Consider weekend daytime format and include KCLS
- Have suggestion boxes at the tables and have people fully express themselves
- We don't want to lose reversible lane at Sunset
- Post information on website with all documents posted.
- Email feedback from website with comments posted on web
- Have meetings over the weekends when people can attend—Saturday morning for example. Especially for Cedar River Library.
- More frequent---once a month is not enough.
- Do not limit to few topics. Get people with design and engineering experience.
- Council expected to approve schematic design without expertise. Interested citizens are able to provide the expertise.
- KCLS give design
- Council not expert enough and validate
- Council not have enough expertise to ask basic questions

- City personnel are directed by staff and staff accepts what KCLS says and city gets bills second hand and would have to go to arbitration if not agree to them—Communication up front would prevent this
- We should not take what KCLS puts forward as gospel—we have to be able to question it at every stage
- Citizens need decision making input because it's our money we already pay ~~double~~ 5.2 mil tax and 1.8 mil dev svc and residents are well aware of this.
- KCLS recommendations to be questioned at every step. We want a library that meets our needs—not theirs. KCLS annexation was approved by only a 53 vote margin. Not a mandate to KCLS. Listen to the people of Renton.
- Where is this communication going? After the deceit of the campaign—we need to see reports and success in City representing us with KCLS.
- 76% citizens need balanced representation on LAB....4 out of 5 current LAB members favor Piazza and contributed to Piazza campaign. Do these folks have the similar expertise of the citizens offering aid on 9/17 City Council meeting. The citizens need to be on the Design Team.

PERMITS

- Who pays for the feasibility study done for the Cedar River Library in advance of election?
- Why the rush? Construction cost escalation should not be the primary driver.
- It is impossible to even get to write on these boards
- I can't find the board I need
- I am left handed
- Please cancel the traffic changes scheduled in the Highlands by the new library location.
- You need a better traffic flow NOT a reduced flow.
- The air quality is poor with all the 5 lights through Sunset Blvd from 405 to 12th St.
- Can you do another EIS with all these changes or do I just call EPA and ask for it?
- Exempt the project from the code about remodels that go over 50% of building value needing to meet all new current codes (we need flexibility) (it's just an ordinance it can be changed)

Finance

- A clause in the ILA would allow KCLS to contribute funds to the bond money—After all we are paying 5 million in taxes to them—it's a no brainer
- How can we make sure KCLS design/in a cost effective/responsible manner rather than having bills submitted to KCLS paid, then come to City—why not have joint submission
- Big 5 acquisition and design cost—Reimburse to Cedar River Library
- \$ should go toward library remodel not tear down/reduce features
- Why rush the design
- Who is watching the bills/costs? How do we monitor
- Think KCLS should work w/volunteers who want to help in/suggest with design and accountability (oversight)
- Keep \$ in usable space—meeting room etc. – space workable for Renton residents

LIBERTY PARK

- Keep the positives that are there including river walk, sports areas, skate park (in front of library entrance)
- Keep kids playground close to library
- Concern about cameras
- Keep mature cherry trees
- Make it safer by Skate Park
- Ivy on trees/off
- Swings for older children at playground
- Tri-Parks Plan needs to be redone--much is outdated and not applicable and calls for removal or relocation of existing expensive infrastructure

Comments received via email

- Keeping citizens broken into small groups at scribble boards restricts consensus and all cannot hear/understand the whole scope of issues.
- 6 residents were speaking to me at once and specifically asked for the seminar format with members of the KCLS Board of Directors, but not Mr. Ptacek. They felt that would be counter-productive because he would speak for the board. I personally don't mind watching Mr. Ptacek interact with his board and the public in an open public forum. I find it very telling.
- Why isn't the 76% going to be allowed to be on the RLAB? This gets asked over and over and over and is really a sore point with many residents. They know the Mayor appoints members to it and want to know why he can't add 3-5 members that represent the majority of residents.
- Basic issue is trust. You as city staff may be working in good faith, but residents question whether KCLS is. They see the continued denial of new faces on the RLAB as the mayor's way of keeping them out of the process which doesn't make them trust him either. They wanted to know what to do about it. I told them the only thing I can see at this point, no matter how distasteful it may be to council, is to keep bringing their concerns to open council, where at least they get aired on Channel 21. And of course to communicate with any and all media they have access to.

Terry,

I want to thank you and Peter for your work this evening. I fully understand you both are spending precious time in service to our city and it is recognized and very much appreciated. It is my hope this evening's work will provide some clarity and help to resolve some concerns about the library's development processes and ongoing relationships with KCLS, which many residents have rightfully become suspicious of. Although I feel participants were expecting more of a town hall type engagement, I feel there were some positive outcomes from the methods used. If I may suggest one thing, it would be that any information coming from KCLS be vetted, and made public at the earliest opportunities. Further to this, I know the city would be well served if someone with authority and an understanding of commercial development represent the city at each and every KCLS board meeting. It is at these meetings where much of KCLS's alter ego comes to surface. Maintaining a good working relationship with KCLS is possible all while also representing the best interests of your city residents.

Thank you again.